

Combat Aviation arrives in Iraq

Special to the Frontline

CAMP STRIKER, Iraq – Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division's Combat Aviation Brigade arrived at Baghdad International Airport in late May in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The CAB will support the 3rd Infantry Division's operation in and around Baghdad, said Col. Daniel L. Ball, the 3rd CAB commander. "We're here to support the surge policy put in place to quell the insurgency here in Baghdad. The CAB deployed from Hunter Army Airfield to Kuwait in early May mostly intact, leaving 3rd Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment behind. Working with the CAB in Baghdad is 3rd Squadron, 17th Cavalry Regiment of the 10th Mountain Division from Fort Drum, N.Y. The cavalry regiment brings a

unique capability to 3rd Combat Aviation Brigade, according to Ball. The 3/17 Cav's OH-58D Kiowa Warrior scout helicopters, with advanced optics and sensors, give the cavalry Soldiers the ability to better see the enemy in support of the brigade's operations, he said. The 3rd CAB is normally made up of UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters, AH-64D Apache Longbow attack helicopters, and CH-47D Chinook helicopters. This deployment marks the brigade's third deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom 2003. The brigade's previous deployments were during the initial invasion into Iraq, and OIF III in 2005. "We're continuing a proud tradition built by the combat aviation brigade," said Ball.

Troops volunteer time at Iraqi clinic

Sgt. Ben Brody
3rd Inf. Div. Public Affairs

Every Thursday, Task Force Marne Soldiers take a short bus ride from their headquarters, to volunteer at a small clinic that provides free medical care to Iraqis. The clinic, part of the Civil Military Operations Center near Camp Striker, attracts a steady stream of local adults and children. "It fits my personality to get out there and do something to help the kids," said Staff Sgt. Rick Skorik, Special Troops Battalion, chaplain's assistant. "Jesus talked about helping the poor, and that's what we try to do at the clinic." According to STB Chaplain (Capt.) Ric Thompson, Soldiers, airmen and sailors from the U.S. as well as other coalition members, all take time to

volunteer at the clinic. "The volunteers here are generally working on their day off," Thompson said. "What our group does is distribute donated items to the kids when they're finished with the doctor." Thompson, Skorik, Sgt. Colleen Brunton, Spc. Latoya Thompson and Capt. Gail Evans all helped package school supplies, candy, and food the afternoon of May 24. Evans, a Task Force Marne physician's assistant, also helped treat patients during her visit. "We treat people from all over the Baghdad area, from backaches to colds to minor injuries," said Capt. Sheila Corcoran, 478th Civil Affairs Battalion, who administrates the clinic. "For more serious conditions and injuries, we refer people to local hospitals or the Air Force surgeons at the airport."



An honor guard comprised of 3rd Brigade Combat Team Soldiers fires volleys to pay tribute to their fallen comrades during the 3rd BCT's Memorial Day ceremony on Monday at Forward Operating Base Hammer. See story on pages 8A and 9A.

Commander goes to the Pentagon

Nancy Gould
Hunter Public Affairs

When Lt. Col. Carl Coffman gives up his position as the garrison commander at Hunter Army Airfield in June, he will leave behind countless Soldiers and civilians in the Savannah community who he calls friends. Like all Soldiers, Coffman knows the pain of good- See COFFMAN

bye as well as the benefits of change. He also knows that he and his Family will transition successfully from small town living and southern hospitality in Georgia to a life off the beltway somewhere near the Pentagon, where fast-paced living will probably include a daily commute on the metro. It's his Family's 12th move since he joined the Army in 1984. He gives his wife a lot of credit for his career successes throughout those years. Page 13A



Second Lt. Bryan Friego, A Btry., 1/41 FA platoon leader meets with locals about damaged mosques near the Jazeera Iraqi Police Station, May 23 at Ramadi, Iraq.

1/41 FA helps IP gather intelligence

Spec. Ricardo Branch
1st BCT Public Affairs

RAMADI, Iraq – Troops from A Battery, 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery, along with Iraqi police, assessed two mosques and gathered intelligence near the Jazeera Police Station, May 23 in Ramadi. During the visit, the troops, IPs and local Iraqis toured the areas around the mosques looking for damage from terrorists activities. The inspections allowed the Soldiers and policeman to see how they could help the Iraqis in the surrounding areas with future reconstruction. "We did this patrol to assess the battle damage and get an idea of the mosques in our area of operations," said Sgt. John Collins, an artilleryman with A Btry. Although they have been operating in the area for some time, this visit was one of the first times

the Soldiers were able to interact with locals outside of those that visit the police station where they operate. "This was our first time looking at the mosques in our area," Collins said. "By us coming out here it allows us to gather intelligence and improve community relations." He said the visits are a good way to introduce the people to the Soldiers and Iraqi police who provide security to the area. "Everywhere we went kids ran up to us, shook our hands, and greeted us with smiles," Collins said. "The people were glad to see us here on the streets to help them." Even though there were only minimal damages to the mosques the troops visited, the locals were happy to see Iraqi police and Coalition Forces working together for the community.

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Marne 6 Sends Watch for stress, help others overcome it

Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch
3rd Inf. Div. Commanding General

Sometimes I look around and I am simply amazed at what all our Soldiers, and for that matter, our Soldiers' Families are accomplishing. Indeed, these are extraordinary American citizens living in extraordinary times making extraordinary sacrifices.

Stress can be good. It drives us sometimes to do well, to push ourselves, and accomplish goals. When there is too much it can be destructive.

During a deployment it is natural to suffer a degree of stress. You see it in the behavior of others and you feel it in your own body. Left untreated or unresolved, it can cause physical suffering and it can be destructive.

You need to know that stress is normal and there are ways to combat it. So let's talk about stress.

Whether you are on deployment as a Soldier or a member of a deployed Soldier's Family you are susceptible to stress. It does not necessarily start the day you board an airplane or end when you are comfortably in the arms of your loved ones. Stress can appear at any time.

Many times people experience stress physically as headaches, backaches, pound-

ing in your chest, upset stomach, and rapid breathing. More commonly, stress can lead to irritability, worrying, complaining, anger, swearing, yelling, and frustration.

People that are experiencing stress might isolate themselves, turn inward, and behave unpredictably.

Stress might also result from something you have seen, something you experienced, or arise from a change in your environment. It may result from any number of other external stimulants. More often than not, stress is the result of something that was not predicted. Regardless of what its cause, there is help available for people that are experiencing it.

First and foremost, leadership counts.

Leaders should be knowledgeable of every member of their team. This is as important at home as it is here in Iraq and Afghanistan. Leaders should build unit cohesion and pride. They should set conditions where physical fitness, rest, spiritual balance, and health are maintained.

Leaders should understand all the chal-



lenges a person in his or her charge is experiencing. Leaders should help establish predictability. They should set and maintain a climate of high ethical and moral conduct. Too often these standards fail when stress takes hold.

Most important is that a leader knows where to refer others if stress problems are too severe. They should create a climate where unit members are encouraged

and supported, where there is no stigma assigned to a person that seeks help.

Health care professionals, the unit medic, a chaplain or chaplain's assistant, mental health officers, NCOs, and specialists are available.

There is a superb Web site that offers tips for coping with stress at www.combatstress-center.com.

The site describes breathing techniques, exercises, and other coping skills. There are also a number of circulars for people that are experiencing stress or people that are concerned for others.

Which leads to a discussion of buddies.

You don't have to be a close personal friend to recognize that another is experiencing stress. Helping someone get through a stressful time might lead to friendship but knowing them personally is not a prerequisite of helping a fellow human being. As a human being, a member of a team, you and I share responsibility in life to help our brothers and sisters.

It's easy. When you observe someone who is experiencing stress, reach out by asking the question, "Is something bothering you, and how can I help?" Be ready to listen without judging. See where this takes you. And it may very well be necessary to ask for more help from a counselor or healthcare professional on behalf of your new buddy.

Certainly there is more that can be said about stress and the methods for coping with it.

Remember that stress is normal. Leaders should be watchful for it and capable of helping others with it.

Remember that you are not alone and there are plenty of people out there who are ready, willing and able to help you cope. And remember that we all have an obligation to help one another in these extraordinary times.

ROCK OF THE MARNE!

Professional NCOs, setting the example for everyone

Command Sgt. Maj. Jesse Andrews
3rd Inf. Div. Command Sergeant Major

What a great day to be a noncommissioned officer in the Army - trainers, and leaders of troops. No other army has an NCO corps like ours. However, as we train the Iraqi army to win, we will do so by building up their NCO corps.

Every day our Military and Police Transition Teams, seasoned veterans, are out with the Iraqi army, patrolling the streets, living with them and teaching them what right looks like in our eyes. Then the Iraqi army takes our tactics, techniques and procedures and tailors them to meet their needs.

We are currently acting as observer controllers, very similar to the training that takes place at the National Training Center, in Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La. Our initial role was to train the IA soldiers on how to take the fight to the enemy, maintain standards and implement values in their work ethic. Now, we have taken a step back, and are advising while they execute.

I've seen a major difference since Operation Iraqi Freedom III. The IA understands that terrorists exploit weakness and a lack of standards can be seen as a weak-



ness. Now at checkpoints, Iraqi soldiers are standing at the ready, with the right gear on and cognizant of their surroundings. Repetition is the key. The more they take the lead and do what's right, the more confident they will be, and the less assistance they will need from us.

We're trying to train ourselves out of a job. We're doing that by putting the

Iraqi army and police out front to show the Iraqi people that they can feel safe under their protection.

The Iraqi army made a major step in bridging the gap between their officers and NCOs by hosting the Iraqi Army Command NCO Symposium, May 19-20. Myself along with the other multi-national division level command sergeants major were on hand to answer questions at the symposium. It was a Coalition Forces and Iraqi army event with participation from the Multi-National Corps Iraq Commander Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno and Command Sgt. Maj. Neil

Ciotola along with the Iraqi ground forces commander Lt. Gen. Ali and Command Sgt. Maj. Qassim, who are equivalent to our chief of staff and sergeant major of the Army.

Within the next six months, the IGF will host and lead another symposium to discuss the NCO and officer relationship. For this symposium one, the duties of the non-commissioned officer were a major part of the discussion. In the past, the officers in the IA were in charge of training. The seeds we want to plant are that NCOs should be the primary trainers, the ones responsible for the morale and welfare of the troops. This will allow the officers to focus on strategy and battlefield operation. A strong NCO corps could be what it takes to get us back home.

A diverse corps of professionals that work together regardless of religious or other sectarian lines. Fearless individuals who will stand together and fight for their comrades in arms. Leaders who perform pre-combat checks and inspections, to decrease unnecessary and preventable accidents. That is the role of the NCO corps, and that is what the finished product should look like in the IA.

Training the Iraqi army to win is our goal, and by building its backbone it will soon stand ready to defend its country and people from all who wish it harm.

Rock of the Marne!

A Snapshot from Fort Stewart's Museum Archives



Left: July 18, 1954, Korea - 3d Medical Battalion Clearing Company performs minor surgery on the back of a patient.

Right: January 20, 1919, Germany - The 3d Medical Battalion Sanitary Train commanding officer coincidentally is named Lt. Col. S.C. Gurney.

Bottom left: February 15 1944, Italy - At the 3d Medical Battalion Clearing Station, men saw wood for heaters with a circular saw connected to the wheel of a weapon carrier.



**3D Medical Battalion
Third Infantry Division**



Staff Sgt. Raymond Piper

Col. John Charlton, 1st BCT commander, presents an Iraqi police officer with an award for his service. Coalition Forces and Iraqi police leaders recognized police from each of Ramadi's stations.

CF holds award recognition ceremony

Staff Sgt. Raymond Piper
1st BCT Public Affairs

RAMADI, Iraq – It's arguably one of the toughest law enforcement jobs in the world. Iraqi police face car and road side bombs, snipers and insurgents bent on breaking their will. Often less equipped than their coalition partners, the policemen are prepared to do their duty on a daily business.

Coalition and Iraqi police leaders held a ceremony May 20 to recognize the sacrifices and hard work of the Ramadi police.

"Today is a very memorable day and is a day that should make all the people of Ramadi proud of its young men," said Ramadi Iraqi police chief Brig. Gen. Ahmed Khalil. "It is a day for the coalition and Iraq leaders to recognize the brave policemen of Ramadi."

Col. John Charlton, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry

Division commander, told the gathered policemen that the ceremony was dedicated to the sons of Anbar, who have brought security to the area.

"Every day I see Iraqi police putting their lives on the line to protect the people of this city. It is because of your continued bravery that children can play outside and people can open shops and begin to live normal lives again," Charlton said.

The path to a more safe and secure Ramadi has not been easy and many officers paid the ultimate sacrifice for security. On the same day as the ceremony, Iraqi police from the Zangorra station were looking for a truck laden with explosives.

"Those police officers were on patrol looking for the truck bomb because they knew the (terrorists) would attack," Charlton said. "While they had stopped and were searching the truck, it exploded killing one of the officers and wounding

two others."

He added the policemen knew that there would be danger when they stopped the truck, but they set aside personal safety and continued to do their duty.

"As a result, no civilians were hurt. Once again the Iraqi police protected the people of Iraq," Charlton said.

The Iraqi security forces are one of the primary targets of insurgents because they are what the terrorists fear, Charlton said. "They know the police are the only thing preventing them from coming into the area and taking over."

Khalil told the gathered police that all of the stations must continue their hard work because they are going through a very critical point of time.

He said, "Maintaining victory will be the hardest part, therefore we most continue our hard work during this state of war and stick together as we fight the insurgent."

1/15 medics help Iraqis, heal relations



Courtesy Photo

Cpl. Rayshun Crawford, a medic with D Co. 1/15th Inf., provides aid to a local mukta, or mayor, in the Iraqi town of Arafina Monday.

Maj. Joe Sowers
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – The citizens of Arafina know who to ask for when they have a medical problem, and that person is a 24-year-old Soldier

Cpl. Rayhsun Crawford, a medic with D Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, has administered aid to multiple Iraqis for various injuries in the small town and is now considered a "go-to" guy for any ailment by the local citizens.

Soldiers of D Co. patrol the small town to assist the local Iraqi security forces in their efforts to improve security.

In line with the Army's new emphasis on counter-insurgency doctrine, units in 1/15th are working out of small combat outpost and joint security stations

in the communities that they are tasked to protect. Leaders also emphasize interaction with the local populace, especially influential leaders.

While conducting a combat patrol on May 28, D Co. Soldiers were informed that a local muktar, or mayor, had hurt his ankle earlier in the day and requested the attention of Crawford. Crawford administered aid to the muktar and got him back on his feet.

"Cpl. Crawford is now a local hero in the area," said Capt. Simon McKenzie, a staff officer with the 1/15th.

"The muktar was extremely pleased with the medical attention. Many locals that are injured in the AO (area of operations) request help from Cpl. Crawford, because he does such a great job."

1/15th is a part of the 3rd Infantry Division out of Fort Benning, Ga., and is currently deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

3rd BCT opens aid station at FOB Hammer

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd BCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq – The 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, unveiled its combat aid station at Forward Operating Base Hammer, Monday.

Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., commander of the 3rd BCT, Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Pearson, 3rd BCT command sergeant major, and Pfc. Relaine Hughs, the youngest medic in the 203rd Brigade Support Battalion, cut the ribbon on the doorway of the Forward Operating Base Hammer Sergeant Robertson Aid Station.

"The first thing we started setting up on this FOB was this aid station because we wanted to make sure our Soldiers are taken care of," said Grigsby addressing the Soldiers present.

The new aid station will be used by 3rd BCT medics to help treat injured and sick Soldiers.

"The main benefit that this building provides is that we are all now consolidated," said Sgt. 1st Class Coree Dansler, the non-commissioned officer in charge of the station, C Company, 203rd BSB.

"The weather here makes it difficult to maintain a sterile environment," continued Dansler. "This building will be much easier to keep clean. The heat out here is also a problem. The air conditioning in this building will help us more effectively treat casualties. The patients here will be our top priority."



Spc. Ben Hutto

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Gang awareness training zooms in on local concerns

Jennifer Scales
Public Affairs Specialist

As many parents work full-time and have commitments outside of the home, a lot of youth want to have an outlet for their pent up energy, want to belong to a group, or have somebody to hang out with. Such can be the cause for them to join a gang.

According to Directorate of Emergency Services juvenile detective, Randall Thompson, gangs may consist of three or more people between the ages of 12 and 24, share a common sign, symbol, or name, and individually or collectively engage in a pattern of criminal or delinquent actions.

Thompson's purpose for the gang awareness session at Club Stewart was to educate parents and especially young spouses who may not know anything about gangs. "The assumption is that if they are in the same clothes, they must be gang related. I am trying to reach out to the community and clear up some of the wrong impressions. Hopefully that will be accomplished by more classes such as this," said Thompson.

When it comes to attire, many of the local boys have adopted a style that is attributed to those who reside in confinement. "Prisoners who wear their pants down below their natural waistline, displaying part of their hips/underwear, are identifying themselves as male prostitutes," said Thompson. "They are giving everyone (in prison) the signal that they are avail-

able."

Recent local issues have been cause for concern as the gang discussions continued during the enlightenment session. A middle school student who took a BB-gun to school was sent away for six months and put on five years probation. A BB-gun is considered a firearm in Georgia, but that same student was found to have three gold watches and \$140 in his possession. In other instances, 6th graders with pocketknives and kindergartners with lighters have had items confiscated in local schools. Thompson noted in the session the various gangs in the area, such as the Bloods, Cripps, and MS13 to name a few. On post, such copycat gangs consist of the Southern Oak Boys and the Dog Pound. He quickly noted there are not any hard core gangs here, just a bunch of wannabe gangs.

Unlike joining a social club, joining a gang can be a violent and degrading experience. A person can be blessed, jumped/beaten, or sexed in. A close relative who is already a high-ranking gang member may bless a member. To be jumped/beaten in is self-explanatory, with the person having to go out and perform a mission that is witnessed by a higher gang member who reports back to the gang leader the accomplishment. Females may be sexed in, which may involve having sex with multiple partners.

Colors, hand signs, and clothing are other types of identifiers used by various gangs.

The gang awareness training warned those in attendance to

watch out for signs for possible gang involvement, which may include but are not limited to the follows: hand signs, wearing a bandana, changes in clothing style, tattoos, problems at home, skipping school, different friends, or the use of gang language.

"Some kids have nothing to do, but there are many activities out there that exist, if only the parent would become more involved and sign their children up for them," said Thompson.

Gina Vander Zyl, an operations assistant at Rocky's and Club Stewart, attended because she was not educated when it came to gangs. "My kids are not in one, but I see the hand signals from others. I want to be aware of what exactly is going on. I come from a big city, Miami, and coming to Hinesville in 2000 was really a change of pace to a really, nice, quiet town."

The most important tip is to spend quality time with your child and know what is going on in your child's life. This includes knowing your child's friends and neighborhood, getting involved with school activities, encouraging good study habits, respecting your child's feelings and attitudes, establishing Family rules about gangs, drugs, and the way your child dresses. Set the limits and be consistent.

Gang Awareness Training is open to the public, however due to the nature of some of the topics, young children should not attend. The next training is scheduled for Monday, June 18 at the Fort Stewart Education Center, located just outside Fort Stewart Gate #1.

2007 On Post Housing Resident Survey

MEMORANDUM FOR Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield Housing Residents

SUBJECT: Official Army Resident Survey

1. I am writing to you and your Family to ask for your help in completing and returning the enclosed official survey that is being distributed to all Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield residents of on-post housing. This survey is conducted annually to let you and your Family members tell us how well we are doing in meeting your on-post housing needs. All Army installations in the Residential Communities Initiative Housing Privatization Program are participating in this survey.

2. The information you and your Family provide will help guide our commercial partner in providing the services and the facilities that are important to you. Your answers are strictly confidential and we need your frank responses. We are not tabulating any personal data and your survey in no way identifies you or the residence you currently occupy.

3. It is very important that you complete the questionnaire and promptly return it in the enclosed postage paid envelope within seven days of receipt. Where possible, we would prefer that both sponsor and spouse complete the survey together.

4. On the second page of the survey under Community Code, please enter the two-digit code for the community in which you live from the following list:

Fort Stewart:

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03 = Marne Terrace

04 = Marne Woods

17 = Marne Court

05 = Bryan Village South

06 = Bryan Village North

07 = Isenhower Terrace & Isenhower Village

08 = Liberty Woods

12 = Southern Oaks

16 = Coastal Ridge

Hunter Army Airfield:

09 = Callaway Circle

10 = Wilson Acres

13 = New Gannam

14 = New Callaway

15 = New Savannah

5. I sincerely appreciate your time in helping with this important effort.

Enclosure

TODD A. BUCHS
COL, AR
Garrison Commander

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS (HOUSING)

On post residents are reminded they can express their satisfaction about housing services GMH provides to them by completing the Army Resident Survey questionnaire recently mailed to their residence. If residents need another copy they can pick it up at 6509 Bundy Avenue, Apartments 3 and 4. Residents can mail their surveys back or drop them by building 6509. Please complete and mail the survey by June 1. Again, thanks for your participation in the annual RCI Resident Assessment Survey for 2007. For more information, call Garry Compton at 767-1040 or by e-mail at garry.compton@stewart.army.mil.

Fort Stewart/Hunter Official Army Resident Survey
Additional Questions for Customer Satisfaction Survey

The following questions are for Fort Stewart/Hunter Residents only. Please indicate your responses by darkening the corresponding oval on the back of the survey in the section marked "INSTALLATION SPECIFIC QUESTION RESPONSES". Do not put your answers on this sheet of paper; place only the survey in the return envelope.

***** RESPONSE KEY FOR QUESTIONS 1 to 10 *****

Not at all	Moderately	Extremely	Not Applicable
1	2	3	4
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1. To what degree did the quality of schools on post affect your overall decision to move into on post housing?

2. How likely are you to recommend on-post housing at Fort Stewart/Hunter Army Airfield to a fellow soldier because of schools?

3. To what degree are you satisfied with the overall quality of schools on post?

4. To what degree are you satisfied with the current recreational facilities in your housing area?

5. To what degree do you believe that the recreational facilities in your housing area are safe?

6. To what degree do you feel that the Community Center in your housing area is open at a time that is convenient for you?

7. To what degree do frequent deployments weigh into your decision to live on post?

8. To what degree do frequent deployments weigh into your decision to move off post?

9. How likely are you to call the maintenance facility manager first if you have problems calling in a work order request?

10. To what degree are you satisfied with the neighborhood watch program?

Marne Voices
Speak Out

What was your most memorable summer time job?

"I was a lifeguard at Wet n' Wild in Orlando, Fla. "

Spc. Jason Macklin

87th CSSB

"I worked at the Oakley Customer Service Office in Trabuco, Calif. I made some really good money."

Spc. Tony Lamp

6/8th Cav.

"I worked at a warehouse in Panama. I made some really good money and was able to buy my own items."

Staff Sgt. Guillermo Brown

HHSC, STB

"I picked blueberries and strawberries. I enjoyed working outside and made enough money to buy my own school clothes."

Paul Fanslau

Retired Army

"I worked at church in a church camp. The younger folks were so challenging."

Cathy S. Bennett

Family member

"My summers have been taken up with continuing my education. I want to stay on task and on track with my career."

Teresah Woolridge

Family member

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1/15 finds, destroys large munitions cache



Spc. Ben Hutto

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3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq –Soldiers from C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, uncovered a weapons cache

Tuesday during a combat patrol in an area west of Wahida, Iraq.

The cache consisted of 40 mortar rounds varying in size from 82mm to 120mm. An Explosive Ordnance Disposal unit detonated the cache soon after it was found.

“This is the largest cache found by 1/15 to date,” said 1st Lt. Joshua Powers.

“Our presence is bringing more security to the Wahida province and disrupting the enemy’s line of movement into Baghdad.”

Iraqi police, Coalition capture 3 insurgents

Spc. Ben Hutto
3rd HBCT Public Affairs

FORWARD OPERATING BASE HAMMER, Iraq –The Iraqi national police and Coalition Forces arrested three wanted insurgents Monday.

Company D, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment Soldiers assisted policemen from the 3rd Battalion, 1st Iraqi national police in a cordon and search that led to the arrest

near Jisar, Diyala.

“This is one operation of many that we have conducted with the national police,” said Maj. Jeremy B. Moore, the Iraqi security force chief, 3rd HBCT.

“We look forward to continued success in interdicting extremist within (operating environment) Hammer.”

The captured insurgents were wanted for murder, kidnapping and displacing Shiia families.

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Summer Teen Babysitting Class
@ FS Youth Center
4 June – 8:50am to 1:10pm, 5 June – 9am to 5pm,
6 June – 9am to 6pm
Learn practical babysitting skills such as First Aid, CPR, and how to start your own babysitting business. Cost is \$10. Youth must be age 13 or older and must attend all 3 classes in order to be certified.
767-5395

Play Day @ Corkan Family Recreation
5 June – 10am to 1pm, Stewart Lanes
Let your little one experience bowling; ages 0-3. Ramps available!
Cost is \$2 for adults and children play for FREE!

2007 Army Soldier Show @ HAAF
6 June- 7:00pm @ Hunter Fitness Center
Enjoy an evening full of fun and entertainment! Admission is free! Register for AT&T's "Best Seats in the House" at HAAF Leisure Travel office.
Cast Party:
HAAF: 6 June- 9pm (right after the show), Hunter Club
Come for take, autographs & to meet the cast!
368-2212

FS Youth Fishing Derby
9 June – 7 to 11am, Pond 30
Enjoy fishing, face painting, arts & crafts, games, prizes and more! Derby open to participants ages 16 & under. Youth fishing licenses & post permits have been waived for the event. Interested participants can register at Pass & Permit, Bldg 8091.
767-5145

FS/HAAF Texas Hold 'Em Poker
Tournament @ Rocky's
9 June – 10:00am, Tournament
10 June – 1:00pm, Championship
This high stakes tournament will consist of two flights of gaming action, limited to 100 players per flight. The top 80 competitors will move on to Championship Sunday and have the chance to win the 52" HDTV Grand Prize! Events are open to the public ages 21 and up and active duty Soldiers ages 18 and up. Those who are interested may pre-register at Rocky's & Club Stewart.
767-8715/ 368-2212.



Bringing Family Members to the United States

Maj. Kathy Giraitis
Army Reserve JAG

If you are a United States citizen or lawful permanent resident (“green card” holder), you are allowed to petition the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services to request to sponsor certain relatives to come to the United States. There are different categories of relatives and different waiting times apply. This article explains the basics of petitioning for your relative to come to the United States. For Soldiers and Family members, your Legal Assistance Office can assist you by explaining and guiding you through this process.

United States citizens petitioning for relatives, if you are a U.S. citizen, you may petition for the following relatives:

- Spouse
- Minor children (under 21)
- Parents
- Unmarried adult children (21 and over)
- Married adult children
- Siblings (brothers and sisters)

Lawful Permanent Residents Petitioning for Relatives

If you are a lawful permanent resident, you may only petition for the following relatives (note that a lawful permanent resident cannot petition for as many relatives as a citizen):

- Spouse
- Minor children (under 21)

- Unmarried adult children (21 and over)

Spouses, minor children, and parents of U.S. citizens are called “immediate relatives” under immigration law because there are no numerical quotas limiting the number of immigrants in these categories. That means once the petition is filed and approved, there is no waiting period for obtaining the immigrant visa for your relative. For the other relatives listed above—adult children and siblings of U.S. citizens, and spouses and children of permanent residents—there are numerical quotas and significant waiting periods, usually of many years, apply.

Petition and Visa Processing

In order to begin the process of bringing your Family member to the U.S., the citizen-sponsor (or permanent resident-sponsor) must file a “Petition for Alien Relative” (Form I-130) with USCIS for each relative. The current fee for filing this petition is \$185. The petition must be filed with documents showing that the sponsor is a U.S. citizen (such as a birth certificate, U.S. passport, or naturalization certificate) or permanent resident (copy of “green card”), as well as documents proving the relationship. For spouses, this would be a copy of the marriage certificate; for children, a copy of the birth certificate; for parents, a copy of the sponsor’s birth certificate.

Once the I-130 petition is approved by USCIS, then the U.S. State Department must issue an immigrant visa to your relative. (Remember, in categories other than the spouse or minor

— Legal Notices —

Anyone having claims against, or who is indebted to the estate of **Staff Sgt. Steve Butcher, Jr.**, A Company, 3/69 Armor Battalion, Fort Stewart Ga. 31314, contact Capt. Michael Hurley, Rear Detachment, 3/69 Armor Batttalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314 as michael.hurley@stewart.army.mil or 767-4595.

Anyone having claims against or who is indebted to the estate of **Pfc. Daniel P. Cagle**, A Company, 3/69 Armor Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, contact Capt. Michael Hurley, Rear Detachment, 3/69 Armor Battalion, Fort Stewart, Ga. 31314, as michael.hurley@stewart.army.mil or 767-4595.

child of a U.S. citizen, there is a years-long waiting period.) Visa processing occurs at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. The immigrant visa application (Form DS-230) requires an additional fee—currently \$335. An issuance fee is sometimes also required. The visa is issued at the U.S. Embassy or Consulate abroad. Your relative will enter the U.S. on this visa, and will be considered a lawful permanent resident starting on the date of entry. She will receive her “green card” soon afterwards.

Besides being related to you (the U.S. citizen or permanent resident), in order to be admitted to the United States, your relative must be otherwise admissible. There are several “disqualifiers”—such as commission of certain crimes, health problems, and security issues—that may prevent your relative from being admitted.

Memorial Day rememered

K OF THE MARNE by Marne Soldiers home, abroad

Spirit of sacrifice lives on at Stewart, Hunter, Iraq

Sgt. Tanya Polk
Editor

"At this time of year, many Americans will gather to stand on hallowed ground throughout the world. Ground concentrated by the blood of military heroes who have offered their all for the cause of freedom." - Chap. (Col.) Ronald Hill, Installation Chaplain.

Recognizing servicemembers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice, Soldiers and civilians of Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield continued in the American 1868 tradition in honoring those who fought and died for our nation's freedom during an installation Memorial Day ceremony held at Marne Gardens, May 24.

"The importance of Memorial Day can never be overstated," said Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart, Hunter garrison commander. "By honoring the men and women who have sacrificed their lives to protect our freedom, we assure that their heroic spirit will live on."

Ceremony attendees stood in silence and respect as representatives from the 3rd Infantry Division, American Legion Post, Association of the United States Army Coastal

Empire Chapter, Vietnam Veterans of America Liberty Chapter, Disabled American Veterans, Hinesville Lodge, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post, 3rd Inf. Div. Society and the Liberty County Veterans Organization Council laid and saluted wreaths in honor of all the fallen comrades.

Escorted by Buchs and Command Sgt. Maj. Charles E. Durr, Stewart, Hunter garrison command sergeant major, Patricia Barbee, member of Gold Star Wives of America, Incorporated concluded the wreath-laying segment as she placed a yellow rose on the 3rd Inf. Div.'s Operation Iraqi Freedom Memorial.

A majority of the 3rd Inf. Div.'s Soldiers are currently deployed, and will continue to serve our nation in the Global War on Terrorism.

"Our Soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and coastguardsmen are still serving and sacrificing day and night and bearing the burdens that make America's blessings possible for all of its citizens," said Buchs. "Because of their selfless devotion to duty, we enjoy (our) freedom."

A silent prayer went out to the currently deployed men and women of the Armed Forces who continue the legacy of veterans.

"(They) are proudly deployed executing our nation's business in prosecuting this Global War on Terror," continued Buchs. "On our behalf they take risks, they go into harms way, they shed their blood and prepare to give their lives if necessary."

Continuing a Memorial Day tradition, Soldiers of B Battery, 1st Battalion, 76th Field Artillery's Salute Battery rendered a 21-Gun Salute at the conclusion of the ceremony.

"I've been coming to this ceremony for the past 30 years," said Butch Hemingway, retired Chief Warrant Officer from the U.S. Army Ordnance Corps, Fort Stewart and member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Liberty Chapter "This is one of the few ceremonies we really need in order to remember all those veterans we had who gave their lives for our freedom. And, that's exactly what it's all about."

Hemingway spent two years in Vietnam and served 20 years in the Army.

"If it wasn't for our fallen comrades, we wouldn't be here now, and I'm going back all the way to the beginning of time," he said. "Not only Vietnam or the Global War on Terrorism, but all (wars) are done to keep our country safe."



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Left to right: Angel Sanabria, Butch Hemingway, and Henry O'Neal, members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Liberty Chapter 789, lay a wreath honoring all fallen comrades during the Stewart, Hunter Memorial Day ceremony held at Marne Gardens, May 24.



Spc. Ben Hutto

Col. Wayne W. Grigsby, Jr., the commander of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division, and Command Sgt. Maj. James H. Pearson, the command sergeant major of the 3rd BCT, place a wreath next to the pictures of fallen 3rd BCT Soldiers during their Memorial Day ceremony, Monday at Forward Operating Base Hammer.



Sgt. Tanya Polk

Soldiers of B Btry., 1/76 FA, perform a 21-Gun salute as Salute Battery for the Memorial Day Ceremony at Fort Stewart's Marne Gardens, May 24.



Pfc. William Hutton

The 3rd Infantry Division Band performed for Soldiers during Memorial Day ceremonies in Iraq.

Education Matters



Georgia HOPE Grant offered

The HOPE Grant is money given by the state of Georgia to students with financial need to attend vocational/trade schools. The Grant covers certificate and diploma programs. Any Soldier or Family member of a Soldier who is stationed in Georgia may be eligible. If you are interested in attending a Georgia vocational or trade school, inquire with your school's financial advisor or visit the Army Education Center to speak with a counselor. Current HOPE Grant data is as follows:

Soldiers from the 3rd Infantry Division as 136 active duty enrollees have signed up for the HOPE grant between October 1 2006 and March 30, 2007, with more than half using the grant. In addition, nearly 200 Family members have signed up and used the grant.

Spouses get more MGIB benefits

The Secretary of the Army has approved the transfer of up to 18 months of MGIB benefits to spouses as a pilot program. This program became effective July 21, 2006. The program is bound by law to the retention of critical skills. Eligible Soldiers must have enrolled in MGIB on DD Form 2366 upon entry to active duty. If you cannot locate your Department of Defense Form 2366, check your official Military Personnel File or go online to Army Knowledge Online for details. Your education counselor can assist you with information about your MGIB benefits. Please contact your unit retention career counselor for details.

Take an educational coffee break

Have an Educational Coffee Break with us on 9:30 a.m. June 5. A professional counselor will discuss setting and achieving educational goals, the programs offered at the Army Education Center, and funding options for active duty, Family members and DA civilians. They are available to help you maximize your potential as you are affected by Army mobility requirements. Join us at Building 100. Call 767-8331 for more information.

Get free SAT, ACT prep software

The Victory Sports Group of NFL football players is sponsoring test prep software for military Families. There will be a small shipping charge for delivery.

The sponsorship code is 2ad9c5ccfd for http://sat.eknowledge.com/purchase_coupon.asp.

\$4500 tuition available for Soldiers

All active duty members have \$4500 per fiscal year for education. This entitlement is separate from the Montgomery GI Bill benefits available from the Veteran's Administration. Details are available at 1:30 p.m. Monday – Friday during a one hour

brief at the education center, room 223. The www.goarmyed.com Web site provides 24 hours, 7 days a week virtual access for Soldiers. Our education counselors are available to assist in educational goal setting and advising.

College testing offered

Columbia College is now providing our college testing services. More than 70 CLEPs and DSSTs are computer based for immediate results. CLEP/DSST testing is free to Soldiers and costs vary from \$80 to \$100 per test for civilians. Columbia will also be the test proctor for all college distance learning tests. There is a \$20 fee for registration. Please call 767-7558 or 877-3406 for more information.

College term dates announced

Central Texas College, June 4-July 25, Aug. 13-Oct. 6, 767-2070 at Stewart, 315-4090 at Hunter. Columbia College, June 4-July 25, Aug. 13-Oct. 6, 767-5336 at Stewart, 352-8635 at Hunter. Embry Riddle, Aug. 6-Oct. 7, 767-3930 at Stewart, 352-5252 at Hunter. Savannah Tech, July 9-Sept. 19, 408-2430 at Stewart. Webster University, Aug. 13-Oct. 11, 767-5357 at Stewart, 354-0033 at Hunter.

Savannah Tech offers childcare

Childcare is available at the Airport Road Hinesville campus. Please contact Natasha Brown at 408-3024 ext 6026 for more details.

Free college tutoring offered

Savannah Technical College is offering tutoring in math, English, computers, reading, etc. The service is available at the Hinesville Liberty Campus. Math and tutoring in the other subjects is offered Monday-Friday and is available some evenings.

Service at the Sgt. 1st Class Paul R. Smith Education Center that includes math tutoring is offered at 3:10-5:30 p.m., Monday and Wednesday of each week. You don't have to be enrolled in Savannah Tech to participate. Call 408-3024 for more information.

Register now for your GED

Now is the time to register for the General Education Diploma, 1-5 p.m., June 4-5 and June 18-19. For details, call 767- 7322 or 767-7329.

You can go Green to Gold June 7

The Green to Gold representative is available June 7 and 21 at the Fort Stewart education center at 2. Call 767-8331 for more info.

the Army Education Center on Fort Stewart. These courses will prepare you to take the GED or refresh your skills in basic education subjects. Courses are free of charge on a space available basis.

The Sgt. 1st Class Paul Smith Education Center hours are: Monday – Thursday 8 a.m.

Alligator encounters dos, don'ts

Special to the Frontline

With the coming of summer, the number of alligator encounters on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield is on the rise along with the southern Georgia temperatures. The American alligator is once again an abundant species in southern Georgia and is very common in the ponds, rivers, creeks, and backwater sloughs of the installation. During the spring and summer months, alligators are occasionally observed crossing roads when they are moving to breed and find new habitat. Each year several of these transient alligators are struck by motorists on Georgia Highways 144 and 119.

Sportsmen will also see an increase in alligator activity during the spring and summer as it is mating and nesting season for these cold-blooded reptiles. It is a very common occurrence on warm, sunny days for sportsmen to encounter alligators that have exited the water to bask in the sun around ponds and on river banks throughout the area, including the golf course ponds.

These alligators are warming their bodies and are not actively hunting. Often times a basking alligator may be seen with its mouth open. These alligators are not being aggressive. Their mouths are open to cool down their body temperature, since alligators do not pant or sweat.

Alligators have a natural fear of humans, and usually retreat into the water when approached by people. If you have a close encounter with an alligator, back away slowly. It is extremely rare for wild alligators to chase people. However, alligators are very quick and agile and will defend themselves when cornered. Female alligators may aggressively defend their nests and young. For this reason, alligators should not be approached or harassed when encountered. Further, Georgia law prohibits feeding, harassing, killing or otherwise taking alligators from the wild.

Dos and Don'ts

Don't feed or entice alligators. Alligators overcome their natural shyness and become accustomed or

attracted to humans when fed. It is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine and up to 12 months in jail and a \$1,000 fine, to intentionally feed an alligator.

Do inform others that feeding alligators creates problems for others who want to use the water for recreational purposes and may lead to the removal of alligators that have lost their fear of humans.

Don't kill, harass, molest or attempt to move alligators. State law prohibits such acts, and the potential for being bitten or injured by a provoked alligator is high.

Do keep a safe distance from all encountered alligators and contact DPW Fish and Wildlife personnel to report nuisance alligators.

Don't allow small children or unleashed pets to play in or near the water of installation ponds and waterways without close supervision (especially at dawn and dusk).

Do closely supervise small children and keep pets on a leash when near installation ponds and waterways as both closely resemble alligator prey items. Pay special attention during dawn and dusk when alligators actively feed.

Don't walk dogs along the margin of a body of water.

Do keep dogs leashed, under control, and away from the water when near a body of water because dogs resemble alligator prey items and may attract alligators.

Don't remove or attempt to remove alligators from their natural habitat or accept one as a pet. It is a violation of state law to do so and alligators remain a federally protected species.

Alligators do not become tame in captivity and handling even small ones may result in bites. In particular, never go near baby alligators or pick them up as the mother alligator will usually be nearby and protects her clutch for at least two years.

Do enjoy viewing and photographing wild alligators in their natural habitat from a safe distance.

To contact DPW Fish and Wildlife personnel regarding the removal of a nuisance alligator, call 767-2584. For assistance after 4 p.m. and on weekends and holidays, call the Fort Stewart police desk at 767-4895.



Mark G. Hollmen has been employed as a Special Agent with the Conservation Law Enforcement Branch on Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield for the past three years.

Commonly referred to as "game wardens", agents of the conservation law enforcement branch are given full police powers through the provost marshal to enforce all hunting and fishing laws and regulations on Stewart and Hunter. The agents and investigators of the CLE are tasked with conducting investigations pertaining to environmental crimes and natural resource violations on the installation as well as providing security against trespass or unauthorized entry into installation training areas.

CLE agents work closely with local and state authorities as well as other federal agencies in solving cases that cross jurisdictional boundaries. Patrolling installation recreation and training areas, surveillance operations, seizures of contraband or equipment used in the commission of crimes, service of arrest or search warrants, and the collection and preservation of evidence while ensuring the safety of people on the installation are daily tasks that keep agents very busy. Hollmen graduated from Prescott High School in Prescott,



Mark Hollmen

Ariz. He retired at the rank of Petty Officer First Class. During his Naval career, he served on several well known United States Ships including the San Diego, the Mount Baker and the Fearless. Upon retiring from the Navy, Hollmen worked as a stevedore, supervising the loading and unloading of merchant ships at a private shipyard in Savannah, Ga. Hollmen later joined the Directorate of Emergency Services as a police officer at Hunter before assuming his current duties as a special agent in the CLE branch.

The CLE branch can be reached Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. at 767-7577. After hours, they can be contacted by calling the Fort Stewart police desk at 767-4895 or the Hunter police desk at 315-6133.

Seamless Summer Nutrition Program

Fort Stewart's Brittin, Diamond and Kessler Elementary Schools, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Agriculture announces their Seamless Summer Nutrition Program! From June 4 through July 13, the program will offer

FREE nutritional lunches to youth ages 18 and under (No ID required). Parents are responsible for accompanying children 12 and under; however, the child must pick up the lunch. The meals will be served from 11 a.m. -noon, Monday

- Friday at Diamond Elementary, Southern Oaks Community Center, Bryan Village Youth Center, & Corkan Recreation Center/Family Fun Park. For more information contact Lynette Morgan at 408-3088.

Welcome Center invites guests

We are so proud to welcome you to the Fort Stewart & Hunter Army Airfield Community.

Please be our guest at a Family Orientation Briefing, given on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the

Soldier Service Center, 2nd floor Room 2074A.

Fort Stewart Child Care Center offers free child care for Inprocessing Family members on the days of the Family Orientation B r i e f i n g

(Tuesday/Thursday) only. If you need this service please call 767-9662, let them know you are "Inprocessing". Your child's immunization record will be required. Any questions please call 767-9176.

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Work as a youth volunteer

The American Red Cross Summer Youth Program begins June 11 and concludes July 20. Applications are available at the American Red Cross Office, building 253, Suite 2074. Students must complete youth volunteer application packets and attend orientation by May 31. Work permits must be obtained for all youth under the age of 18. For more information call ARC office at 767-2197.

Healthier Feds initiative targets employees

Healthier Feds provides information and education to federal employees and retirees about healthy living, greater individual responsibility for personal health, and best-treatment strategies. For more information visit www.healthierfeds.opm.gov.

Installation offers Vacation Bible School

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Chapels will sponsor Vacation Bible School. The Stewart camp 9 a.m. to noon, June 4 – 8 and will provide lunch for attendees. The Hunter event is 9 a.m. to noon, June 11 – 15 at the Hunter Chapel Annex. Both events are available to Family members K-6th grade. For more information, contact Mike Iliff at 767-9789.

Outdoor pools open May 26

The pools are open now - Sept. 3. Daily hours are 11:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Corkan Pool, Bryan Village and Hunter Outdoor pools.

Stewart

Youth summer basketball league offered

Child Youth Services is hosting a free summer basketball league for middle school and high school youth, now - July 31. For more information, call 767-4493.

Shop at Shop of the Marne

Dont forget to shop over the summer, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and the first Saturday of the month at Building 25 off McNeely Rd. behind the PX. Look for the OPEN flags outside.

Locating lost-and-found items

The Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield has a lost and found program. If you want to report an item lost or check on the status of one, check with the military police. Visit building 280, 354 East Bultman Avenue on Fort Stewart and check with William Hooks, 767-9596. The Hunter point of contact is James Westfall, at Building 1240, 197 South Lightning Road - 315-5374.

Boss Talent Show II slated

Come show off your singing, dancing, poetic, and instrumental skills June 15 at Rocky's. Rehearsals are June 7. There will be cash prizes for winners, as well as door prizes for attendees. Winners may have a chance to compete at the Army Show. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Erica Gordon at 572-4486.

Register to 'Walk to Iraq and Back'

The Walk to Iraq and Back continues as an on-going program where teams will submit walked miles monthly towards the goal of 13,000 miles. Registration is also ongoing and forms are now available at the Family Readiness Center. For more information, contact Amy Lambert at 320-5400.

Hunter

Hunter free racquetball clinic postponed

The free racquetball clinic and tournament for ages 18 and up at the Hunter Fitness Center is postponed until 10 a.m., June 16. Brenda Kyzer, a professional racquetball player, will be the hostess of the clinic. For more information, call 315-2019.

With the change to the installation access procedures, the Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation, would like to remind community members that some MWR facilities, such as golf courses, bowling centers, and clubs, are open for public use.

The modification requires a valid matching form of photo identification (driver's license, Department of Defense Common Access Card, State ID card, etc). The MWR facilities open for public use are Taylor's Creek Golf Course, Hunter Golf Club, Marne Lanes, Hunter Lanes, Stewart Lanes, Club Stewart, Rocky's, and the Hunter Club.



Mock Utility Billing slated

Families at Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield, who reside in newly constructed homes, will begin receiving monthly mock utility bills in their mailboxes beginning in June. For more information regarding mock billing, please attend one of the following information seminars: Hunter Army Airfield, 2:30 p.m. on June 12 at the Ken Heller / New Gannam Community Center and Fort Stewart, 6 p.m. on June 12 at the Woodruff Theater

Stewart

Family Fun Festival

Enjoy games and prizes, pony and train rides, inflatable obstacle course, face painting, a magician, food and much more from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., June 9 in front of Newman Fitness Center.

Father's Day Raffle

Enter the drawing for a chance to win your dad a \$100 gift card to the Bass Pro Shop June 4 at the Liberty Woods and Southen Oaks Community Centers. The winner will be announced June 14.

Yard of the month

Make your house a home by taking pride in your yard. GMH will be selecting one yard in each neighborhood to receive a prize.

Winners will be selected every month for the next five months. June winners will be selected and notified by June 13.

Enjoy water games

Enjoy water balloons, water guns, and much more 2-3:30 p.m., June 28 at the Southern Oaks Community Center. Don't forget to wear your swim suit.

Join neighborhood huddles

Be an active part of your community by attending your huddle and sharing ideas, issues or concerns with GMH 10:30-11 a.m., June 19 at Liberty Woods and June 21 and June 28 at Isenhower Village.

Hunter

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COFFMAN

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"There's a special place in heaven for Karen," he said. "Our moves always work out and it's Karen who usually makes it happen for me and our four boys."

Difficult adjustments are just some of the sacrifices made by military Families who serve their country and for the Coffmans, it's no different. A move into the unknown is tough, he admits. But Coffman looks forward to his next assignment as military aid to the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Installation and Environmental programs at the Pentagon, and he hopes to accomplish there what he accomplished here, "a positive impact on the quality of life for Soldiers and their Families."

Besides supporting the mental and physical well being of spouses while Soldiers are gone, Coffman said he works three primary areas of Family support – especially during deployment – housing, schools and medical care issues. He said those areas aren't problem free but they're improving all the time.

Deployment also has its challenges and they vary depending on what part of the cycle we're in, said Coffman. Hunter supports unique deployment missions for eight units

that represent four separate services.

He tries to balance resources so that each gets the training it needs to accomplish service specific missions during deployment. He strives to keep his decisions free from personal prejudices, feelings or traditions.

"If servicemembers don't get trained for their mission, we failed," he said.

Before coming to Hunter, as a former aviator, Coffman's focus was on becoming an attack helicopter battalion commander. But the Army had different plans for how he would serve. He said his assignment as an installation garrison commander was a far cry from the tactical war fighting that he was trained to do. But three months into the assignment his outlook changed. Besides enjoying the job, he realized first-hand that garrison support is as critical to the fight as the tactical war fighting that he wanted to do.

There were also new duties in the job that he enjoyed. Besides Soldier support on post, he inherited off post responsibilities in the community. He realized early that the public communication courses he took in college had not prepared him for the important role he would have with the citizens of the Coastal

Georgia community – a community where its leaders regard the 5,370-acre installation as a township of it's own.

"We're surrounded by Savannah on three sides," Coffman said. "Hunter is part of Savannah's history and an integral piece of this city and its problems, such as storm water run off, and east-west traffic flow. We're also a part of solutions because community leaders value our opinion as much as we value theirs."

Trip Tollison, vice-president of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce agrees that Coffman's integrated role with the metropolitan planning in the Chatham/Savannah area is mutually supporting.

"Lt. Col. Coffman has been a great asset to our Chamber and Board," said Tollison. "He gives invaluable insight to the business community as it relates to the needs of Stewart, Hunter. His shining moment to us was during the Chatham County Commission's review of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. His efforts ensured that no houses are built on the undeveloped lands immediately west of Hunter, which helps in maintaining the long-term viability of Stewart, Hunter."

Coffman said downtown leaders are not

just "fashionably patriotic" but truly appreciate Soldiers and the sacrifices they make for freedom, even though some have different political views. They understand the significance of Savannah's port to National Security objectives and they are proud of Hunter's role as a world-class power projection facility and joint staging base that deploys and redeploys units supporting contingency operations and the Global War on Terrorism. They embrace and support the tenant units on Hunter, including the 3rd Infantry Division, two special operations units and mobilized reserve forces in a four-state catchment area.

Lt. Col. Daniel Whitney, the incoming garrison commander who served as a Special Forces Group deputy commander at Fort Bragg, will continue to address funding and other issues, said Coffman.

"I have complete confidence in him," he said. "As a special operations officer, he's spent his career building alliances with groups that may or may not like him and he understands team building. He's done the job in dangerous environments where there are much higher stakes."

Kid's fishing derby at Pond 30

Event previously slated for Pond 10

Mark your calendars for this terrific event! Come enjoy fishing, face painting, rock painting, crafty fishing hats, informational displays from the Game Warden and Fish and Wildlife, and snacks June 9.

The event is from 7 a.m. through noon at Pond 30 outside Gate 7 just

off Highway 119 North. Follow the signs. The pond has changed due to drought situations.

There will be people there to weigh and clean the fish. Register prior to event at pass and permit or the Child Youth Services. Registration can also be done that morning.

More information can be obtained at www.stewart.army.mil or call Chris Dent at 435-8205.



Army & Air Force Exchange Service recalls Soldier Bear toy set due to lead

Special to the Frontline

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the Army & Air Force Exchange Service, today announced a voluntary recall of the Soldier Bear brand Invincible Transport Converters, Style #88931 activity play toy. There are approximately 2948 units of which only 758 were sold.

Consumers should stop using recalled products immediately from importer/retailer AAFES, Dallas, Texas, manufacturer: Toy Century Industrial Co. Ltd. Kowloon, Hong Kong.

Surface paints on toy action figures contain high levels of lead which can be toxic if ingested by young children and can cause adverse health effects. However, there has been no incidents or

injuries reported.

The Soldier Bear Brand Invincibles Transport Converters model included in this recall is: 88931, UPC # 6 98567 88931 4 CRC #: 1419301. The retail package has a Soldier Bear logo on the front and back and the back of the action figures are marked with letters TC-ST.

The Soldier Bear product was sold at AAFES stores worldwide from August 2006 through April 2007 for \$19.95 and was manufactured in China.

Consumers should immediately take the toys away from children and return the product to the nearest AAFES store for full refund.

For additional information, contact AAFES at (800)866-3605 or visit www.aafes.com.

